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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

During the briefing session with Brigadier General Dunn on 12 November mention was made by General Cushman of Business Week's wrap up on computers which General Cushman indicated rather well reflected the Director's view on computers. I wondered if you have seen this and if not if you might find a copy so you could read it and I could add it to my list of things that need to be read.

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In the same connection Carl Duckett in talking about security problems in the computer world was mentioning that the Computer Center turns out to be in his opinion the Agency's most sensitive area given the fact that they have there the CS file on agent personnel as well as other files of sort of equal sensitivity and there was added the thought that there could be interactive security breaching.—Interactive in the sense of cross-talk between two tapes which happen to be running on different machines. Finally, there was the point made of dumping, through incorrect query, in front of an operator the product of a query started in another location. The whole thing sounded as if Carl and General Cushman believed that we are nowhere in security. I've been under the impression from [REDACTED] that we have made great strides in preventing a product from coming out at the wrong place and preventing people from inserting queries which would produce particularly sensitive information and thoughts.

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General Dunn made mention of his view that State has made great strides in recent years in the computer world having heard some mention of a personnel system and also some mention of moves in the direction of budgeting. I'm about at the point of calling the Assistant Secretary for Administration and asking if he would set up a briefing for me on State Department use of computers. Have you any knowledge that the Agency has a sort of overall grasp of what State in fact has done or is doing?

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